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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LOPEZ NOT TO ATTEND LIMA MEETING

1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ, IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT GO TO LIMA FOR THE DEC 4-11 COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF AYACUCHO, JULIO CESAR TURBAY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND DESIGNADO (VICE PRESIDENT) WILL HEAD THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION IN PLACE OF LOPEZ.

2. THE PRESIDENTS DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE AYACUCHO MEETING IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING SINCE HE HAD, ON THE DAY AFTER HIS INAUGURATION, ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

3. LOPEZ GAVE AS A REASON FOR THE CHANGE HIS BELIEF THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME WHEN THE CONGRESS IS REVIEWING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION DURING THE SEPTEMBER 17-OCT 31 ECONOMIC EMERGENCY PERIOD.

4. A SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS IN A DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, GAVE LITTLE CREDENCE TO LOPEZ STATED REASON FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT LIMA. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONFRESSIONAL  
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PROCEEDINGS COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN DEFERRED FOR A WEEK. THE

OFFICIALS STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO PERCEIVE A REASON FOR THE PRESIDENTS DECISION.

5. BOGOTA DAILY EL ESPECTADOR, IN REPORTING THE PRESIDENTS DECISION, SPECULATED THAT OTHER HEADS OF STATE WOULD ALSO DECIDE AGAINST ATTENDING THE LIMA MEETING.

6. THE ESPECTADOR SPECULATION WAS REINFORCED BY A FRIEND OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ WHO TOLD THE CHARGE D AFFAIRES THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ SAID THAT HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO GO TO AYACUCHO BECAUSE HE DID NOT FEEL THAT HE WOULD HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON WITH MOST OF THOSE WHO WOULD ATTEND. LOPEZ REPORTEDLY REASONED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINE:

" I AM A MAN OF THE CENTER, PINOCHET IS OF THE EXTREME RIGHT AND VELASCO OF THE EXTREME LEFT. THE BOLIVIAN DOES NOT DARE LEAVE BECAUSE IF HE DOES HE WILL NOT HAVE A JOB WHEN HE RETURNS, AND THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA HAS NOT STATED DEFINITELY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, WHICH MEANS HE PROBABLY WILL NOT ATTEND".

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